

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
Anchorage Field Office

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION (CX) FORM

CX No.: AK-040-02-CX-018

Lease/Serial/Case File No.: NA

Proposed Action Title/Types: The proposed Action is to hold an orienteering event on Campbell Tract as a non-commercial, non-competitive recreation event.

Location of Proposed Action: Portions of Sections 2, 3, 10, and 11, T. 12 N., R. 3 W., Seward Meridian, known as the Campbell Tract Special Recreation Area.

Description of Proposed Action: The Arctic Orienteering Club will host a public education day to promote orienteering on May 4, 2002 from 12 to 4 PM. Approximately 250 people of all ages are expected to take part throughout the day. The participants will locate orienteering controls on existing trails, and at any given time during the day there may be 50 people from this event on the Campbell Tract trails.

Applicant (if any): Arctic Orienteering Club

PART I - PLAN CONFORMANCE REVIEW

This Proposed Action is subject to the following land use plan: Southcentral MFP

Date Plan Approved: March 1980

The Proposed Action has been reviewed for conformance with this plan (43 CFR 1610.5, BLM MS 1617.3).

Remarks: The Proposed Action also conforms with the Management Plan for the Campbell Tract approved in June 1998, and with Environmental Assessment (AK-040-92-003) of the development of the Campbell Creek Environmental Education Center that was approved in February 1993.

PART II - NEPA REVIEW

- A. Categorical Exclusion Review.
This Proposed Action qualifies as a categorical exclusion under 516 DM 6, Appendix 5.4. H.5.
- B. Departmental Exceptions Review.
The following Departmental List of Exceptions apply to individual actions.
Departmental instructions mandate that environmental documents MUST BE PREPARED for actions

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which may: (Mark applicable answer for each item. If "yes", prepare an EA/EIS and append this form to it.)

- | | YES | NO |
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| 1. Have significant adverse impacts on public health or safety. | <u> </u> | <u> X </u> |
| 2. Have adverse effects on unique geographic characteristics, historic or cultural resources, park, recreation or refuge lands, wilderness areas, wild or scenic rivers, sole or principal drinking water aquifers, prime farmlands, wetlands, floodplains, or ecologically significant or critical areas, including those listed on the Department's National Register of Natural Landmarks. | <u> </u> | <u> X </u> |
| 3. Have highly controversial environmental effects. | <u> </u> | <u> X </u> |
| 4. Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks. | <u> </u> | <u> X </u> |
| 5. Establish a precedent for future actions or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects. | <u> </u> | <u> X </u> |
| 6. Be directly related to other actions with individually insignificant, but cumulatively significant environmental effects. | <u> </u> | <u> X </u> |
| 7. Have adverse effects on properties listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. | <u> </u> | <u> X </u> |
| 8. Have adverse effects on species listed or proposed to be listed on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have adverse effects on designated critical habitat for these species. | <u> </u> | <u> X </u> |
| 9. Require compliance with Executive Order 11988 (Flood plain Management), Executive Order 11990 (Protection of Wetlands), or the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act. | <u> </u> | <u> X </u> |
| 10. Threaten to violate a Federal, State, local or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment. | <u> </u> | <u> X </u> |

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I certify that none of the Departmental exceptions listed in the above Part B (516 DM 2, Appendix 2) apply to this action.

Remarks:

Preparer(s): Van Waggoner

Date: April 22, 2002

PART III - DECISION

I have reviewed this plan conformance and NEPA compliance record and have determined that the proposed project is in conformance with the approved land use plan and that no further environmental analysis is required. It is my decision to implement the project, as described, with the mitigation measures either identified below or stipulation(s) attached in this case file.

Mitigation Measures/Other Remarks:

Remarks:

Authorized Official
/s/ June Bailey

Date
April 29, 2002
